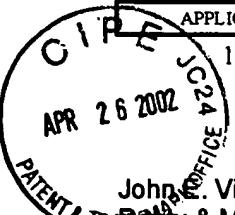




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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
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- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$120.
 - \$36 for 2 total claims over 20.
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A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
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In re Application of: Gilmore et al.) Group Art Unit: 3653
Serial No.: 10/041,944)
Filed: December 22, 2001) Examiner: Not known
Title: Apparatus and Method for) Our Cust. No.: 22827
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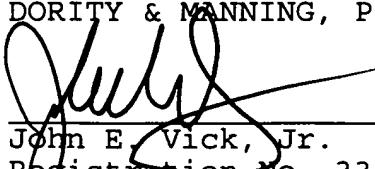
Dear Sir:

We are enclosing the attached documents as listed below:

- (1) Filing Completion Cover Sheet
- (2) Fee Transmittal for FY 2002 w/check for \$1,030.00
- (3) Requested return copy of PTO Notice
- (4) Recordation Form Cover Sheets
- (5) Assignments
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- (7) Formal Drawings (3 pgs.)

Respectfully requested,

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In re Application of: Gilmore et al.

Attention: Application Branch

Serial No.: 10/041,944

Date: April 17, 2002

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[X] Rule 53 signed Declaration enclosed.

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[] Enclosed: Original signed Declaration with attached specification (including claims) which is a copy of specification/claims originally filed to secure above filing date.

[] Specification originally filed in non-English language; hence verified translation attached of:

[] Abstract [] pages of Specification (only spec. & claims) [] Drawing Figs.

[] sheet(s) of formal drawings enclosed: size: [] A4 [] 14" [] 8½ by 11

[] Attached is an assignment to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.

[] Priority is hereby claimed under rule 55 and 35 U.S.C. 119 based on prior foreign application(s) no(s).

[] , filed in _____ on _____, respectively.

Certified copy (copies) [] attached; [] already filed on _____ in U.S. Application, Serial No.

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[] "Small Entity" status under Rules 9 & 27 claimed. [] Attached: Verified Statement(s) establishing "small entity."

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|
| 101 | 740 | 201 Utility filing fee | 740.00 |
| 106 | 330 | 206 Design filing fee | |
| 107 | 510 | 207 Plant filing fee | |
| 108 | 740 | 208 Reissue filing fee | |
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| Total Claims | 22 | -20** = | 2 | x | 18.00 | = | 36.00 | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| 104 | 280 | 204 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
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| 147 | 2,520 | 147 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
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| 121 | 280 | 221 Request for oral hearing | |
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| 144 | 620 | 244 Plant issue fee | |
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